INSIDE THE STAMP WINDOW.

A TALK WITH A MAN WHO DEALS WITH THE PUBLIC AT THE POST OFFICE,

The Little Boy who Sends a Newspaper Every pay in sing Sing The Mon who Wanted a stamp Licked-The Chinamen who Say "Chester"-Other Interesting Persons.

Probably the nearest approach to perpetual metion in the human form is the retail camp seller on the Brondway side of the Post office. Standing close to his parrow little window, which is set so low that he has to bend down to understand what is said to him by those who are without, he is kept in unceasing movement. His hands are the most busy members. They work uninterruptedly in convering from the window sill mailable matter to the tiny scales, or money to the cash tray, to be exchanged for stamps and smaller coin with the regularity, smoothness, and nicety of mechanism. The writer satisfied himself by actual observation resterday that the busiest hands in New York were those of Mr. Clarence Lobdell, the most actively employed of the retailers of stamps in the three windows on the Broadway side. But his mind was kept not less busily engaged. Every caller in the unceasing stream that flowed past the window had a totally distinct tax to impose upon it. An instantaneous response was demanded, not only by the impatience of the inquirer, but by the circumstance that many others were as impatiently waiting. Questions as to whether this or that article was eligible for transmission in the mails, or whether the international postal renty, with its beneficent uniformity of charge for postage to any point included in its provisions, extended to some previously almost unheard-of French, German, Italian, or Flemish villages, were launched at him, in words made more or less indistinct by foreign accentuation or hurry, almost simulconfusing conglomeration of quantities and denominations. To the questions an immediate and satisfactory series of answers was expected; and from the nimble fingers prompt and accurate delivery of stamps and change was looked for. In the hours that the writer watched interestedly the capability of a man to think and speak of and act with unfaltering dexterity in regard to two entirely separate matters, not an error was made in innumerable transactions, covering the purchase of stamps in a bewildercovering the purchase of stamps in a bewildering variety of sums and values, change in nearly
svery case being required; and so far as was
observed, no misinformation was given in reeconse to puzzing questions.

"Busy? Well, ves; there exitainly is no time
for toafing hereabouts." Mr. Lobdell said, his
fingers numbly transferring the ownership of
stamps, stamped envelopes, and postal cards,
national and international, and this and coin.

"Butthis is not my busy day. You ought to see
me on Monday. Then I do have to fly. Why, it
appears to me that half the world writes to the
other half on Sundays, and wants to get its letters posted at the cardiest possible moment on
Mondays. (The posture is the same, sir, to
Ognawa as to any other point in Canada.)

other half on Sundays, and wants to get its letters posted at the earliest possible moment on Mondays. (The postible is the same, sir, to Ottawa as to any other point in Clansda.) We get the brunt of the retail stamp trade here, though there is a window on the Park row side. We not so much nearer to Broadway that we have to serve nine-tenths of the whole trade. We sell postage symps worth from one cent to ninety cents, and have a heavy run for postal cards and stamped envelopes. (Twenty-seven ones, twenty-one threes, four postals, and one stamped; and what's the tariff on this package, you say, sir? All right; here's your change. The package will cost you one cent an ounce for the newspaper—six cents for two ounces for the newspaper—six cents. Str. No, sir, it isn't rather steep; it's the law."

A little hand was thrust into view just then above the thick glass sill of the window. It grasped a newspaper, addressed in a woman's handwriting, and two pennies.

Try to get a peap at the owner of that hand," Mr. Lobdell said, as he affixed a two-cent stamp to the wrapper of the newspaper.

The writer, leaning over, met a pair of big, carnest gray eyes. They belonged to a sadfaced mite of a boy, poorty clad. He was wholly intent upon regaining his newspaper, and when Mr. Lobtell handed it to him he hurried away to put it in the newspaper frop.

That's as ad sight." Mr. Lobdell said. "That little boy comes here every day, let the weather be what it may, to mail a newspaper, it is addressed to a man in Sing Sing prison, prombly his father. Most likely the sender is his mother, and the boy's appearance shows that his mother is having a bard time caring for him and herself. He has been coming here, without fall, daily for three years."

"Our windows." Mr. Lobdell went on, "appear to be a sort of safety valve for some of the people that visit them. We are close to the foreign delivery, and I can tell at a glance when a man comes up with an opon letter in his hand whether his news from the other side is pleasant or otherwis

A small, side-whiskered man, an exquisite in dress, reached the window sill just them. He did not look in, but put a 3-cent coin on the sill, and, pressing the forefinger of his jewelled right hand on the rim of the coin, looked intently at it. As Mr. Landslind.

tently at it. As Mr. Lubbell laid a Scent stamp his eyes, and turned away.

He's been coming here for years, and yet I've never heard the tone of his woke nor seen the color of his eyes. He appears to be an Englishmen. One of them, a new comer, said to me the other day. Alt, my friend, I don't like these white envelopes that your Governmen. I have to deal with a number of eccentric Englishmen. One of them, a new comer, said to me the other day. Alt, my friend, I don't like these white envelopes that your Governmen, I have to deal with a number of eccentric Englishmen. One of them, a new comer, said to me the other day. Alt is to have?

Alt, I don't know exactly, but couldn't you fellows in the Home Office in Washington, you know, introduce some swell color or other—say, a delicate primrose?

How do I get along with counterfelts? Oh, very well. I have handled so many thousands of bills that I have learnes to distinguish counterfelts by octain private ear marks. The light that I have learnes to distinguish counterfelts with the searce of the my window is my infallible detector of counterfelt coin. You well, when not it is a sea to siant inward. Well, when not it is a sea to siant inward. Well, when not it is a sea to siant inward. Well, when not it is a sea to siant inward. Well, when not it is a sea to siant inward. I light falls upon it at an awate angie, and my year instantly note any peculiarity in its appearance. A base coin is lighter in weight than the genuine. They are usually of equal weight, Moreover, I do not find the ringing of a coin on a hard substance a sertain test. Good coins sometimes have an imperior ting, owing to divers have an imperior ringed old gentleman, whom an inperior ringed old gentleman, whom we have chiristened. Old Columbus. We gave him the name because he had come every alternoon for years, with the certainty of an eight-day clock, to post a newspaper for Columbus. One. He is so bright and good-natured that he cheers us up like a ray of sunsting the sunsting and the many and the s

man approached the window. He bought a stamp, and lingered. Others were kept away by his tardiness. Would you like to have me put the stamp on for you, sir?" Mr. Lobdell askell.

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"You can, if you want to," the man replied.
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put the stamp on for you, sir?" Mr. Lobdell askel.

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To be glad to oblige you," Mr. Lobdell rejoined, "but the lact is, sir, that licking stamps interferes with my appetite for lunch."

The man caught up the stamp, and turned abruptly away.

A pale, rosy woman's face, surmounted by a bonnet burdened with flowers that had not stood well the test of wind and weather, took the place of the man's cloudy visage in the window. Then a hand, browned by exposure, but shapely, was stretched in. It opened, and a torrent of cents rattled upon the sill.

What's the matter, Mary?" Mr. Lobdell said.

There's not so many of them to-day."

"Shure thrade's not so lively the day, sor," was the answer. "Bad cess to thim Eyetalians." and the bright face was shadowed.

Mr. Lobdell handed out a sliver coin representing the value of the cents, and the wholescene face disappeared. That's our fruit woman," said Mr. Lobdell: "and a good soul she is, too. She has one trouble, though. That is the competition of the Italians, whose fruit barrows lines the walk between the corner of Broadway and Ann street and the sidewalk in front of the Poat Office. People who would buy of her are tempted by this display, and steend their money before they reach her well-supplied stand, But she had a virtual moneyoly in the old Poat Office, and the vicense for pennies, because we like to oblige her, Besides, we benefit ourselves, because we need all the pennies that we can get. It's the only coin that we have to buy."

Turning in his chair, the writer saw that the window next to Mr. Lobdell's was closed, and that the stamp seller had quitted the little office.

"He has gone out to buy more stamps," Mr. Lobdell explained. "We buy stamps just as outsiders do, but we huy them up stairs in the wholesale department. We buy all of the stannes that we sell here. We furnish a canital of \$500 each of our own money, and this is enough for the day's business.

Leaving Mr. Lobdell at his work, the writer south the vholesale d

THE CONEY ISLAND SEA LIONS.

gitives Along the Coust. Mr. Engeman, the pioneer hotel keeper of the east end of Coney Island, was sitting on the day night, looking at the fireworks at Brighton

"Mr. Engeman, what about those sea lions that got away from your aquarium?" asked a

reporter for The Sun.

Mr. Engeman removed his broad brimmed gray felt hat, scratched his head, and said: "Oh, I don't bother myself about them any more. Almost every day I get letters and telegrams telling me that the lions have been seen, but I don't pay any attention to them. Everything queer looking that anybody sees in the water nowadays they say is one of the sea llons secanded from Coney Island. One you know, I got back—the one that was found in the canal over there. They shot him and murdered him, and then sold him to me. It cost me \$150 to get him back, and he died the next day. He's buried in the xand right down off the coast of South Carolina; two were seen, as they say, around the wharves at Bultimore; one frightened a party of bathers up the Hudson, and I hear that one is enjoying himself among the rocks at Hell Gate. I've offered a reward of \$50 a head for them, and that's all I'l do. They were fine hous, and I wouldn't mind having them back. As for people being afraid of them, that's all nonsense. Why, they wouldn't bits any one. We used to feed them right out of our hands. They cost me shout \$2,500. Well, it was a bad spec, for me. But then that man Bond, or Bound, came along and and how the people of San Francisco wont flocking out to see the sea lions they had there, and he thought the people who came along and said how the people of San Francisco wont flocking out to see the sea lions they had there, and he thought the people who came alone here would do the same. I thought myself that it wouldn't be an uninteresting thing to see the lions in their natural element, and so I bought them. They were the first sea lions ever brought to this country. Two of them weighed 800 pounds each. When I got them I put them in a pen down on the beach. I knew it wasn't strong enough, but I didn't think we would have such a storm as that was in August. I mean to make the southeast end of the pen a good deal stronger for the fail and winter, but I put it off until it was too late. But if I had been home that day and night I would have saved them. I don't hink I shall invest in sea lions very soon again." "Oh, I don't bother myself about them any more. Almost every day I get letters and tele-

From the Churchman.

Why do I go away? Oh, I am grown
Too tall for school, you know:
So I am come to see you all once more—
You, and the dear old homely room, before
I go

May, Nell, you cannot reach my shoulder yet; Why should you wish to try? Full soon enough wil come the parting day, When you, too, will be standing here to say Good-by!

Yes, I am glad to go, and sorry, too;
I have been happy here.
They say I never shall be quite so glad,
before and careless, therefore I am sad,
My dear.

You think that I am old. They tell me that Mr acloud is just begun.
And I must shall when yours. Ah, Grace.
You look up with your fame yes in my face.
Sweet one. As if you scarcely understood my words. The true, deer, and they say
The lessens will be hard sometimes to learn.
You sil will come to their school in your turn,
Some day.

But we will learn our is asons, will we not, Good scholars, every not? "And shall we then have prizes?" Mahel asks. Surely, I think we shall, when all our tasks. Are done.

There, they are calling me, I must not stay.
Wee Mais, do not cry!
It makes my tear, come, and I must not so
Out to the world with tearful eyes, you know,
Good-by!

SPORTSMEN IN CONGRESS. Experts with the Red and Fly-A Duck-Shooting Senator and a Salpe-Hunting Repre-sentative - Trap-Shooting Honorables-A Congressman who has Killed 100 Bears.

From the Forest and Stream. Before the war the sporting gentleman in Congress almost invariably came from the South. Even he was not a wing shot nor a master of the long range rifle. His kennels stables contained hunters which would do credit to the fields of England and Scotland. To him the deep mouthing of his hounds was the sole music of the chase, and of the infinite

sheshing language used by lineas Senators was afterward recalled satisfactority to both gentlemen. Mr. Ackilin is an expert shot with the platch. The two deciding pictor cost Mr. Ackilin is attached to this shotgains shown the correspondent was a 12-cauge weapon christoned the "sulps gun" by Mr. Ackilin. This gun weighs sight and a haif pounds, and has the Purdy top action. An invention of Mr. Ackilin is attached to this, and to all of his guns. It consists of two small steel projections from each side of the standing bridge, so that the barrels, when snapped down ready for firing, fit closely on each side between these projections. The desired between these projections. The desired between these projections from each side between these projections, as from continuous firing of one barrel to one side. Mr. Ackilin's duck and pigeon gun weights eleven and a half pounds. The single breech is provided with four sets of barrels, and it really answers the purpose of four distinct guns. Two sets of barrels are 12-gauge, built to consume six drachms of powder. Two sets of barrels are larguage, built to consume six drachms of powder. Two sets of barrels are larguage, built to consume six drachms of powder. Two sets of barrels are larguage, built to consume six drachms of powder. Two sets of barrels are larguage, built to consume six drachms of powder. Two sets of barrels are larguage with the set of barrels are larguage, built to consume six drachms of powder. Two sets of barrels are larguage with the set of barrels and the fourth sort and the right barrel is modified choke bore; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left barrel is full choked; on another set the left b

Five years ago a native hunter in Siam found sapphires in a remote and sectuded district. Some men who were let into the secret followed him to the mines and brought back to Rangoon and Calcutta a number of very valuable stones. A rush ensued from British Burmah, thousands of seventurers flocking to the mines, some to find sudden fortune, but more to loss their lives from privation and rungle fever. The mines occur in the provinces of Battambeng and Chantabout. In his commercial report for 1879, the British Consul at Bangskok says that the miners are very careful to conceal their gems while in Siam. Being anxious to show some of the gems to Admiral Coote, the Consul called for specimens from some miners who had just returned from the diggings. One miner, a poorly clad and miserable looking fellow, produced a few small stones, and after a great deal of coaxing was induced, with many precautions, to give a private view of his great prize, which was a very large sapphirs in the rough, valued at \$10,000. He would probably not have shown this stone at all had he rot been on the point of leaving in a steamer. Owing to the secrecy thus observed by the possessors of valuable gems, it is impossible to give any estimate of the total value of stones found but that individuals have made very large profits is certain. One man dug out a stone which he offered for said in Chantaboon for \$500, but the not find a purchaser. He went with it to Rangoon, where he was offered \$7.500; but, having awakened to the value of the stone found but that individuals have made very large trofits is certain. One man dug out a stone which he offered for said in the neighborhood of the mines, and something like the real value of the stones can be cobalined by the point of the stones. And something like the real value of the stones can be cobalined by the miners on the snot. The largest sapplite hitherto bound, so far as the Consul knows, weighed 370 carats in the rough, and when cut turned our life carats of the finest water. The ruley, onex, an Laycock and Bluckman Matched to How. LONDON, Aug. 14.—The Sportsman this morning says. A match has been arranged between Laycock, the Australian sculler, and Blackman of London for flow a site, the rare to be rowed over the Thames course on the Shi of October next.

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An avangelist who also is an accomplished sleacht-of-hand performer is a novelty. Such a man, however, is few A. A. Waite, who just how is preaching in this city, under the suspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. Formerly he was the assurant of the notorious Eddys and Davenports, and he became expert in performing all the wonders of Spiritualism, so called. He made an address the other day at the Found Lake Smithly School Convention about Spiritualism, exhosing it as a fraint, and choice and explaining readily the tricks which its adherents claim are possible only by the aid of a trick.

Deputy Sheriff Hull of South Madison opened the door cautiously, and, poking in his head in a suggestive sort of way. As a there was more to follow, inquired "Is this the rinking."

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POPULAR LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS. Bell All Drinking Water.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is a fact worthy of serious attention that about two thousand children under five years of age died in the three weeks ending July 3, and that this alarming mortality was greatest in those parts of the city where disease is in-vited by gross offences against sanitary laws, and least

among the well-to-do classes.

Rich men have time, means, and professional skill at their command to shield their little ones from the destroyer in this excessively hot weather. But the toiling masses must work in an enforced obedience to the command, "Six days shalt thou labor," or their children will die of hunger. They cannot take their children into

cie on the freedom of the South from yellow fever this year in to-day's Sux reminds me of some facts concerning it. I know a man who published letters in The Sux and Hendi two years ago to show how yellow fever could be demand for foreign supplies."

Commissioner Fink of the trunk line pool is the demand for foreign supplies. The demand for foreign supplies is commerciated to the server of the Brewers to Memphis addressed to the Secretary of the Brewers association and to the editor of the Aushanda, and four to the Yellow Fever Commission and to other chief authorities at Washinzten, sending to the former alone of the arbitrary of the more formal trunk insisted upon entering the Secretary of the same surface it is shown that the whole laintly of levers which usually kill in a week or a month, including diphtheria consists of a few ounces of dead matter in the blood, which can always be expelled in a few hours through the changes of the same and thus has been proved by a hundred exportments. The Sux-series in the matter of the percentage of the arbitrary of the easi-bound the first of the arbitrary in the matter of the percentage of the arbitrary of the pool and receiving 20 % cent, of the easi-bound that the whole laintly of levers which usually the pool and receiving 20 % cent, of the easi-bound it is shown that the whole laintly of levers which usually the pool and receiving 20 % cent, of the easi-bound it is shown that the whole laintly of levers which usually the pool and receiving 20 % cent, of the easi-bound the grand Trunk insisted upon entering the pool and receiving 20 % cent, of the easi-bound in the shore that the grand Trunk insisted upon entering the pool and receiving 20 % cent, of the easi-bound in the shore that the grand Trunk insisted upon entering the pool and receiving 20 % cent, of the easi-bound under the whole laintly of levers which usually the pool and receiving 20 % cent, of the easi-bound under the whole laintly of levers which usually the laintly of the arbitrary and were willing to

CLOSING PRICES.

solution, which can be removed only by oxidation, a process which no system of filtration now in the attempts. What are the masses to do who must have their 60 onness of water apieces pure or impure, each day?

Boil all drinking water, Let it cool. Then but in ice to make it paintable. Drink of this with moderation, and only at fixed times. Thus they will get a wholescent beverage, entirely iree from all disease germs. Its general use would at once diminish the death rate in our city.

Faith and Work at Ashury Park.

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: Faith means to be a tangible commodity. The stock on hand and subject to draft at Ocean Grove is fair. Every season there migrates to this summer Jerusalem a class whose entire capital, spiritual and temporal, is invested in the essence of things not seen. They say that they come because "the Lord directs them," and they possibly stay until the Lord directs them," and they possibly stay until the Lord directs them," and they possibly stay until the Lord client the carlots. As a salidation of the control of the carlots. The more and Rio Grande, 1.

Governments were quiet, Tennessee State mover and Sci. Josseph preferred, is: Iron Mountain, 5. Declined—Delaware and Hudson's Development of the carlots. As a salidation of the carlots of the carlots. The more and Rio Grande, 1. Governments were quiet. Tennessee State bends continued in some demand. Railread bends were dull, but prices generally about steady-closing at pretty full figures. Money on call, 15:63 % cent., closing at 15:62.

The comparative weekly bank statement SHOWS: Aug. 7. Aug. 14. Difference.
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Species 68,708,600 68,801,800 Dec. 715,700
Legal tenders 17,110,800 16,312,000 Dec. 803,900
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Bills for bank stocks are: America, 140;
Atherican Exchange, 115; Butchers' and Drovers', 100; Central, 115; Chase, 132%; Chemical, 1,600; Continental, 116; First National, 690;
Fourth National, 116%; German American, 75;
Importers' and Traders', 245; Leather Manufacturers', 135; Menhattan, 135; Market, 118;
Mechanics', 135; Menhanics' Banking Association, 75; Menhanics' and Traders', 102; Mercanile, 83; Merchanics', 127; Metropolitan, 145;
Nessau, 100; Ninth, 105; Park, 124; Republic, 102; St. Nacholas, 108; State of New York, 102; Old;
Mannattan, 188 to 190; Metropolitan, 140 to 142; Mutual, 70 to 75; Municipal, 140 to 142; Mutual, 70 to 75; Municipal, 175 to 180;
Brooklyn, 100 to 110; Jersey City, 150 to 160.
The production of anthracite coal last week was The production of anthracite coal last week was 409.717 tons, against 540.716 tons the corresponding week of 1879. The total output from Jan. 1 to Aug. 7 was 12.347.573 tons, against 14.843.245 tons for the like period of last year, showing a decrease this year of 2.495, 672 tons.

Internal revenue receipts to-day, \$319,225.74; customs, \$537,085.24. The receipts of national bank notes for re-demption for the week ending to-day, as com-pared with the corresponding period last year, are as follows:

.... \$1,543,000 \$812,000 The Treasury now holds \$360,966,650 in United States bonds to secure bank circulation. Bonds deposited for circulation during the week ending to-day, \$923,000; bonds held for circulation withdrawn during the week. \$981,500; national bank circulation outstanding—currency notes, \$342,670,897; gold notes, \$1,336,915.

The imports for the week at this port were: Dry goods, \$2,569,286, and merchandise, \$4,-742,936, a total of \$7,362,222. The steamship Donau, from Bremen, which

other localities, and more especially the uncirculate condition—for a freeman—of the wage-worker. I low call upon the capitalists of america and of Europe and also upon the capitalists of america and of Europe and also upon the sober, inclinent, and industrous worknowned and women of both hemispheres, for concerning and in the demonstration of the actual solution of the greatists and labor on a firm indestructible initised ble and yet highly remunerative bans. Theoretic Haratta.

The Value of The Sun.

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